

## Understanding, Understanding

Our understanding must be based on ...

### III. Our \_\_\_\_\_ Trust in God

***Trust in the LORD with all thine heart...***

If we are to have Biblical understanding rather than our own understanding then we have to completely and thoroughly trust in God. To do this we must...

A. \_\_\_\_\_ our own intellect if and when it contradicts clear Biblical teaching.

When we fail to disregard our own intellect, we deceive ourselves into thinking that we know more than God knows and we allow what we think to then outweigh what God says.

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B. \_\_\_\_\_ in God

The is the basic point of this message and it comes from the first part of v5 ... ***Trust in the Lord***

- Trust in His omniscience – He is all-\_\_\_\_\_
- Trust in His omnipotence – He is all-\_\_\_\_\_
- Trust in His omnipresence - He is all \_\_\_\_\_  
all the \_\_\_\_\_
- Trust in His immutability – He doesn't \_\_\_\_\_  
(His character and attributes such as truth / righteousness / judgment)
- Trust in His \_\_\_\_\_—Romans 8:35-39

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God is trustworthy; not only because of His attributes and character but because He loves us. And so when the Bible tells us to *trust in the Lord with all thine heart*; and lean not on thine own understanding- this isn't a suggestion for us to consider; it isn't just a proposal from God that if we want a "better" life, He can give it to us. No, this God instructing us to trust in Him without reservation or restriction ... and that's what it is to understand, understanding!



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Proverbs 3:5-6

Several places in the Bible instruct us to “get understanding”. But exactly what is understanding and how do we get it? Does understanding come by way of our own experiences? Does it come by way of our own education? Our own wisdom? Our family heritage and tradition? Is understanding gained by superior genetics and DNA? Certainly God can use whatever He wishes to help us learn some of life’s lessons. But there is a difference between getting understanding from our own thinking and experiences and getting it from God.

This morning, we get *Back to Basics* of understanding and we’ll see three important areas of Understanding, Understanding.

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First notice our own thinking, understanding, and conclusions are generally...

I: \_\_\_\_\_: v5... **own understanding**

There is a Biblical truth that goes against everything that we want to believe about ourselves and that truth is found in Isaiah 55:9 ... **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.** Our own understanding is unbiblical because ...

A. it is \_\_\_\_\_

- **Romans 8:7**... *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*
- **1 Cor. 3:3** ... *For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?*

B. it is \_\_\_\_\_

- **Judges 17:6**... *In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*

Before we can begin to understand the Bible and spiritual lessons that God wants us learn we must first be willing to set aside our own unbiblical and subjective opinions, experiences, and realities because our carnal nature is in contradiction to God's Word—thus making our thinking unbiblical.

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Secondly, our own thinking, understanding, and conclusions are generally...

II: \_\_\_\_\_: v5 ... **lean not unto thine own understanding.**

Carnal understanding is unreliable because...

A. it is \_\_\_\_\_ to lean on our own understanding

**lean = to lean on, trust in something for support**

It is impossible to lean on something that won't support your weight. To attempt to lean to on our own understanding is to trust in something that won't support the weight of truth. When our understanding contradicts God's Word there will always be a 100% failure rate in our understanding.

B. outside, ungodly \_\_\_\_\_: Genesis 3:1-6; James 1:12-16

Just as Eve's understanding was influenced by an outside, ungodly influence (the Serpent), so to is our own thinking and opinion also subjected to outside, ungodly influences. This makes our understanding under the influences of...

- hurtful \_\_\_\_\_
- harmful \_\_\_\_\_
- halfway \_\_\_\_\_
- haughty \_\_\_\_\_

Understanding, understanding is to conclude that our own way of thinking is naturally unbiblical and 100% unreliable!

So what are we to do? How do we understand understanding?